Gwadar seaport in Pakistan

2178. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a modern new sea port "Gwadar" is being constructed by Pakistan in Baluchistan with Chinese collaboration;

(b) whether it is a fact that Gwadar port would provide Pakistan Navy much greater strategic manoeuvrability along the Arabian sea *vis-a-vis* India, as compared to that at their existing port at Karachi;

(c) salient details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating any project with a view to strengthen facilities for Indian Navy in the light of emergence of the "Gwadar" port in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Strategic location of Gwadar Sea Port would enable the Pakistan Navy to shorten its sea lanes of communication and keep it open specially from Gulf. It will also offer additional berthing facilities for the entire Pakistan Navy fleet.

(d) Government has already taken appropriate measures to strengthen Indian Navy in the light of changing scenario in the region and the threat perceptions.

Training of Defence Personnel under IMETP

2179. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian Defence personnel undergoing or about to undergo training in future in different countries under the International Military Education and Training Programme; and

(b) how would this training help the Indian Government to combat terrorism and other evils that plague the nation and our borders?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) A Statement is enclosed. (See below)

(b) The aim of sending defence personnel for foreign courses is to enhance their knowledge in current international tactics and defence strategies. There is rapid development of technology in the fields of communications, computerization and target acquisition systems and this training helps in adapting these developments into the specific tactical needs for dealing with terrorism and defending our borders. These defence personnel who undergo foreign training are then deployed to further train other personnel in India as required.

Statement

Details of the courses being availed/to be availed in other countries.

Army

Details of courses being availed:

(i) Army War College Course, USA.

(ii) Army Command and General Staff College Course, USA.

(iii) Command and General Staff Course, Germany, (iv) Joint Services Defence College Course, France.

(v) Staff Course, Thailand.

(vi) Staff College Course, Indonesia.

(vii) Armoured Officer Basic Course, France.

(viii) National Military Security and Commanding Course, China.

(ix) Armed Force Staff College Course, Malaysia.

(x) Royal College of Defence Studies Course, UK.

(xi) Command and General Staff Course, Philippines,

(xii) National Defence Course, Bangladesh,

(xiii) Command and Staff College Course, Thailand,

(xiv) Mid Career (Air Defence) Course, Bangladesh,

(xv) Officers Gunnery Staff Course, Bangladesh.

The courses proposed to be availed:

(i) Military Work Dog Handling Course, USA.

(ii) International Officer Intelligence Captain Career Course, USA.

(iii) Army Command and General Staff Course, USA.

(iv) National War College Course, USA.

(v) Marine Corps Command and Staff Course, USA.

(vi) Target Acquisition Radar Technical Basic Course, USA.

(vii) Army War College Course, USA.

(viii) Defende Service Command and Staff College Course, Bangladesh.

(ix) Defence Forces International Liaison Course, Israel.

(x) Unit Command and Staff Course, Bangladesh.

(xi) Junior Command and Staff Course, Bangladesh,

(xii) Advance Infantry Officer Course, France,

(xiii) Joint Service Defence College Course, France.

Navy

Details of courses being availed:

(i) National Defence University International Fellow Programme, USA.

(ii) Amphibious Warfare School Course, USA.

(iii) Naval Command College Course, USA.

(iv) System Management International-Master of Science Course, USA.

(v) Naval Staff College Course, USA.

(vi) College of Security Studies Executives Course, USA.

(vii) International Defence Management Course, USA.

(viii) Amphibious Plan Senior Officer-International Course, USA.

(ix) Staff Course, USA.

(x) Afloat Training On Board French Naval Ship Jeanne a" Arc, France.

(xi) Naval Command and Staff College Course, Indonesia.

(xii) Combined Staff College Course, Indonesia,

(xiii) Advanced Command and Staff Course, UK.

(xiv) Intelligence and International Relations Course, UK.

(xv) National Military Security and Commanding Officers Course, China.

(xvi) Command and Staff Course, Australia.

(xvii) Midshipman Sea Training Deployment with Republic of Singapore Navy, Singapore.

(xviii) General Staff Course, Germany.

The courses proposed to be availed:

As and when an offer regarding training is received from any country, personnel are deputed after assessing the relevance and professional utility of the course to the Indian Navy.

Air Force

Details of courses being availed:

(i) Air War College Course, USA. (ii) Air Command and Staff Course, USA. (iii) Information Technology Management Course, USA. (iv) Advance Aerospace International Medical Officers Course, USA. (v) Asia Pacific Centre Strategic Studies Course, USA. (vi) Defence and Strategic Studies Course, Australia, (vii) 62nd Junior Command and Staff Course, Bangladesh, (viii) Air Command and Staff Course, Thailand.

The Courses proposed to be availed:

(i) Communication and Information Officer Course, USA.

(ii) (ii) Weapon Safety/Ground Safety Course, USA.

(iii) Air Command and Staff Course, USA.

(iv) International Air Weapon Controller Course, USA.

(v) Combined Strategic Intelligence Course, USA.

(vi) Electromagnetic Spectrum Course, USA.

(vii) Air War College Course, USA.

(viii) Flight Safety/Engine Mishap Course, USA.

(ix) Staff Course, France.

(x) Flight Safety Officer Course, Bangladesh.

(xi) Command and Staff Course, Bangladesh.

(xii) Junior Command and Staff Course, Bangladesh.

(xiii) International General Staff Course, Germany.

(xiv) Advance Command and Staff Course, UK.

(xv) Flight Safety Officer Course, Bangladesh.

(xvi) Junior Command and Staff Course, Bangladesh.

Coast Guard HQrs.

Details of courses being availed:

(i) International Maritime Officers Course, USA

The courses proposed to be availed:

(i) Maritime Search and Rescue Course, USA.

(ii) Perspective Command/Executive Officer Boarding Member Team, Maritime Port Operation and On Job Training Course, USA.

Director General Armed Forces Medical Services

International Advance Aerospace Medical/International Medical Officer Course, USA.